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MEMORANDUM FOR: **THE DIRECTOR**

Attached is a draft reply to the Bureau of the Budget's request for our comments on S. 2308, a bill authorizing the Attorney General to investigate any and all criminal violations in the Executive Branch.

We are the unfortunate bystanders in a power play between Justice, Treasury and Post Office.

We have discussed the general situation informally with the Deputy Attorney General, reaching the situation set forth in the letter. We believe the Criminal Division does not see eye to eye with this position. Consequently, we believe we should go on record as forcibly and authoritatively as possible. The bill will almost certainly be signed by the President.

MEMORANDUM FOR:

We believe we should make our position quite clear to Justice, and I have drafted a letter to Mr. Brownell for this purpose.

Recommend signature of both attachments.

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Attachments  
2 Draft letters

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